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8 September 1947Relief Goods Received from Soviets

1. In May a small amount of flour and corn meal was received from the Soviet authorities and distributed as relief goods in North Korea. The flour and corn meal were given only to factory workers.

2. The people do not believe that the flour and corn meal came from the USSR but that they are part of the "commodity" tax collected last year by the Korean Consumers' Association and turned over to the Soviets.

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Note: Farmers in North Korea are required to turn over approximately 25% of their yearly production to the Consumers' Association. The people feel that, because of the acute food shortage in North Korea and because of the anti-Soviet feeling among a large part of the Korean population, the Soviets are now giving back to the people in North Korea some of the foodstuffs turned over to the Soviets last year.

3. The distribution of the foodstuffs is being handled by the various People's Committees in North Korea.

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